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SUBJ: REACTION TO FLY-BY

BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER FINGLAND TODAY INFORMED ME THAT
SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO KENYA, HUSSEIN HAAJI ALI DUALEH, HAD
CALLED ON HIM FOR AN HOUR THIS MORNING TO BEND HIS EAR.
SOMALIA'S CONCERN THAT USG WAS STARTING AN ARMS RACE IN
EAST AFRICA BY BECOMING "TOO INVOLVED." FINGLAND ADDED, TO
ME, THAT HE DID NOT MAKE POINT AND GET INTO ARGUMENT OF WHO
STARTED PROVIDING ARMS TO EAST AFRICAN COUNTRIES FIRST.
SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDED, WITH SOME CONTRADICTION, THAT
SOMALI HAD NO OBJECTION TO KENYA RECEIVING ARMS; IT WAS THE
"PHYSICAL INVOLVEMENT" (I.E., FLY-BY) THAT BOTHERED THEM.
FINGLAND'S OVERALL COMMENT: HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT SOMALI
APPROACH TO HIM (WHICH HE BELIEVES HAS ALSO BEEN MADE BY
SOMALIS TO GOK) WAS COORDINATED CAMPAIGN TIED IN WITH SOVIET
AMBASSADOR'S "EXPLANATION" REGARDING NON-USE BY UGANDA OF
RUSSIAN ARMS AGAINST KENYA WHICH APPEARED IN THIS MORNING'S
PRESS.
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